

## Publications

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In the past five years the number of titles in our "Oriental Institute Publications" series which are no longer in print has almost doubled. Among several multiple-volume publications, the supply of early volumes was exhausted before later volumes were published. For example, *Persepolis I* was available for only a short time after *Persepolis II* was published, and both, in turn, were out of stock before the third volume appeared. The first volume of the publication of the Nippur excavations, which promises to fill many volumes, has already gone out of print, but the second volume will probably not be ready for the printer before the fall of 1973.

Therefore, when the Press proposed microfiche editions of all those titles suitable to this format, the Institute had a rare opportunity to offer students and scholars very inexpensive editions of titles almost impossible to find on the market. The Press has reissued 40 titles in microfiche since last year's report. Although a few titles in large demand do not lend themselves to microfiche reproduction because of their size (some of our early publications measured 48 × 60 cm.), almost all of the excavation reports, with their wealth of illustrations, including those with color, are again available. Anyone interested in microfiche editions may write to the Institute for information.

At the beginning of the year Professor Gevirtz agreed to publish a second edition of his *Patterns in the Early Poetry of Israel*, "Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization," No. 32, with new indices provided by Mr. Dennis Pardee. The new edition is scheduled to appear in the summer.

New impressions of three books by Professor Gelb were printed this spring. His *Old Akkadian Grammar and Writing*, "Materials for the Assyrian Dictionary," No. 2 (2d ed.), and *Glossary of Old Akkadian*, "Materials for the Assyrian Dictionary," No. 3, have been out of stock for several years, and, in spite of revisions which are planned, these titles were reprinted because of their great demand among students. Professor Gelb's *Hurrians and Subarians*, "Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization," No. 22, has also been reprinted this year.

The last title in our list of reprints is one that we have done often before: this is the fourth impression of Thorkild Jacobsen's *Sumerian King List*, "Assyriological Studies," No. 11.

Manuscripts nearing completion include Robert D. Biggs's "Inscriptions from Tell Abū Ṣalābīkh," which has been edited and will soon be sent to the printer, McCown and Haines's *Nippur*, Vol. II, which has been edited and must now be sent to Mr. Haines for review, and Patty Jo Watson's report on the Iraq Jarmo Project, which is still being edited and must be approved by its many contributors before it can be considered ready for composition.